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Applicants: Maurice C. Kemp, et al.

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Examiner: Helen F. Pratt

For: **ENHANCED THERMAL INACTIVATION OF PATHOGEN IN A
NUTRIMENT BY ACIDULANT**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed July 16, 2003, having a deadline for response expiring Aug. 15, 2003 and extended by petition submitted herewith until Sept. 15, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this application the following species:

(a) an acidic or low pH solution of sparingly-soluble Group IIA complexes ("AGIIS").

Claims 1 – 13 and 33 – 43 are readable upon this species.

Respectfully submitted,

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